	Contract	NH length No. (Km)	Date of Start	Awarded Cost (Rs. Crore.)		Physical Progress (%)	
Maharashtra							
9	Nagpur to Hyderabad Section Km. 94 to Km. 123		7	729	Oct. 2005	105.27	0
Maharashtra							
10	Nagpur to Hyderabad Section Km. 123 to Km. 153		7	30	Oct. 2005	115.23	0
Maharashtra							
11	Madurai-Kanniakumari Section Km. 42.000 to Km. 80.00		7	38.86	Sept. 2005	219.05	#
Tamil Nadu							
12	Madurai-Kanniakumari Section Km. 80.00 to Km. 120.00		7	739.51	Sept. 2005	173.50	#
Tamil Nadu							
13	Madurai-Kanniakumari Section Km. 120 to Km. 160		7	42.7	Sept. 2005	232.46	#
Tamil Nadu							
	On North South & East West Corridor Phase II		422.07			2286	

In contracts where the physical progress is not indicated are at stage of mobalisation/ initial stage of construction

Four laning of NH-11, 12 and 14

2830. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has decided for four-laning of NH-11 (Jaipur-Reengus-Sikar road section), NH-12 (Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar road section up to MP Border) & NH-14 (Beawar-Pali-Sirohi road section);

(b) if so, the progress made so far in each case; and

(c) by when, these National Highways would be four-laned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Government has approved the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the

upgradation of Jaipur-Reengus section of NH 11, Jaipur-Tonk section of NH 12 and Beawar-Pali-Pindwara section NH 14 under NHDP Phase IIIB on BOT basis for which the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has been asked to prepare DPR.

Regarding four-laning of the Reengus-Sikar section of NH 11 and Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section up to MP border of NH 12, these sections have not been included under NHDP Phase III.

(b) The status of progress is as under:

Nh No.	Section	Status
11	Jaipur-Reengus	Consultancy for DPR awarded.
14	Beawar-Pali-Pindwara	DPR will be taken in phases.
12	Jaipur-Tonk	DPR bids are under evaluation.

(c) It is too early to indicate time frame for its completion.

Astrosat Project

2831. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada is likely to collaborate with India's first astronomy satellite project called ASTROSAT;

(b) whether the satellite is expected to be in orbit by 2008; and

(c) the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) ASTROSAT is an Indian setallite mission for astronomical observations. Canada is contributing towards the development of a detector system for one of the telescopes on this satellite under a Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Space Research Organisation and the Canadian Space Agency.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The configuration of the satellite has been finalized. The preliminary design review of the satellite subsystems and payloads has been completed.